

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT CHARLESTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CRIMINAL ACTION NO. 2:18-00152

MENIS E. KETCHUM, II

O R D E R

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August, 2018, the United States of America appeared by L. Anna Forbes, Assistant United States Attorney, and the defendant appeared in person and by James M. Cagle, his counsel.

Counsel for the United States informed the court that a single-count information had been filed on July 31, 2018, charging the defendant with one violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343.

After the court advised defendant of his right under Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure to be charged by indictment, the defendant waived in writing in the presence of the court and his counsel prosecution by indictment and consented that the proceeding be by information, which written waiver is ORDERED filed.

Counsel for the United States then presented to the court the plea agreement between the United States and the defendant, which plea agreement is ORDERED filed.

The defendant informed the court that he wished to enter a plea of GUILTY to the information. After the court explained the charge contained in the information, the defendant entered the plea of GUILTY as charged.

Before accepting the plea, the court personally addressed the defendant pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and informed the defendant of the nature of the charge contained in the information, the elements of the offense, and the rights to which the defendant is entitled.

The court being satisfied from the admissions of the defendant that a factual basis exists for the plea, and further that the plea was made voluntarily and that the defendant understands the nature of the charge, the elements of the offense, and the mandatory minimum penalty, if any, the maximum possible penalty provided by law for the offense to which the plea is offered, and the terms of and waivers in the plea agreement, the plea is hereby accepted and the written plea of

guilty executed by the defendant in the presence of the court is ORDERED filed.

Accordingly, IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant, upon his plea of GUILTY, is hereby found guilty and convicted of one violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343, as charged in the information in this case.

The court advised the defendant that it accepted his plea agreement, having found that the agreement protects the rights of the defendant and is in the best interests of justice.

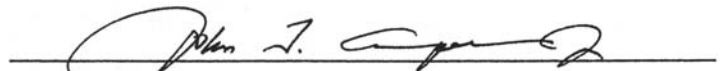
The court ORDERED that the Probation Department of this court shall conduct a presentence investigation of the defendant and disclose the presentence report to the defendant and to counsel by October 24, 2018; counsel shall communicate to the Probation Department by November 7, 2018, any objections to the presentence report; the presentence report, together with an addendum setting forth any unresolved objections, shall be submitted to the court by November 21, 2018; and the defendant shall appear before the court for sentencing at 1:30 p.m. on December 6, 2018. Unless otherwise ordered, the probation officer is directed not to disclose the probation officer's sentencing recommendation except to the court.

It is ORDERED that the government and the defendant may file a sentencing memorandum addressing the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) on or before November 29, 2018.

After hearing the parties with respect to release pending sentence, the court ORDERED, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(b) and (c), that the defendant may be released upon execution of an unsecured bond in the amount of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$100,000), with the special conditions set forth in the order setting conditions of release entered August 23, 2018.

The Clerk is directed to forward copies of this order to the defendant, all counsel of record, the United States Probation Department, and the United States Marshal.

DATED: August 28, 2018

  
John T. Copenhaver, Jr.  
United States District Judge